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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to fully steady. Distributive and foodservice inquiry light to fair. Trading slow. Offerings light to adequate. Trading heavy on 4-8 lb. breasts for September shipments, balance light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading heavy on tom drums, fair on frozen mechanically separated turkey, balance light. Frozen commodity 12-16 lb. hens traded at 77 cents and frozen commodity 20-24 lb. toms at 76 cents delivered port for October shipments. Demand was active on tom drums, balance light to fair. Offerings mostly light to adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 17, 2004**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	77.00	120	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	76.00	80	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	74	74.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	73	73.00	120	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 AUGUST 2004.

The trade sentiment on tom drums was steady to barely steady. Export demand and trading was heavy into Asia at steady to lower trending price levels as processors clean up excess inventories. Offerings adequate to instances ample. The market on tom full-cut wings was mostly steady, steady to barely steady on tom 2-joint wings and necks. Offerings available. Trading light on the balance of items. For domestic: livers 18.50-22 delivered pet foods, hearts 22 cents delivered. Fresh tom drums: 26 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	95.60	1,200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	25.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	32.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.00		35.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	45.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.50		45.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	78.00	18
NECKS, TOM		F	16.72	640
NECKS, HEN		W	18.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	182.00	26
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	205.19	310
THIGH MEAT		T	80.00	4
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	81.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	114.00		114.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	90.71	140
TENDERLOINS		F	155.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	163.33	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	186.00	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	65.00		65.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	26
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	19.17	120

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.50-26.00		24.34	902
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	34.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	33.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.75	252
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	84.21	172

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-82
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-81

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-130

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The tom drum market was steady to instances fully steady. Demand was fair to good, best into export channels. Demand continued to be noted from Asia with interest also noted from Caribbean, Central America, Eastern Europe and Mexico. Inventories of tom drums were starting to become better balanced with a few asking higher prices. The market on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady. Demand light to fair with interest mostly for fall shipments. Offerings adequate. The trade sentiment on tom breast meat was steady to barely steady, destrapped tenderloins steady at best, breast trim steady to firm, scapula steady and frozen wing meat with skin steady to instances weak. Demand on tom breasts meat disappointing, destrapped tenderloins light with instances of increased inquiry noted, breast trim fair to good, balance of frozen white meat light to fair. The trade sentiment on frozen thigh meat was steady to fully steady. Trading was heavy on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts for September domestic shipments and on tom drums for export, balance light.

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DOMESTIC TRADING				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00-96.00		95.50	1,600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.50	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	30.50		30.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.00		35.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	47.00		47.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	46.00		46.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	82.00		82.00	62
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	15
NECKS, HEN		W	18.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	182.00	26
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	205.19	310
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	81.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	114.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	90.71	140
TENDERLOINS		F	155.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	163.33	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	186.00	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	64.00		64.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	19.17	120

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.69	976
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	34.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	33.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	364
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	84.21	172

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 08/11/04

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	CUMULATIVE		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE	BREEDS
2003-2004	7,900	32,852	32,852
2002-2003	-	-	-